East Ascension Telephone Company, Inc. 913 South Burnside Avenue Gonzales, LA 70797-4258

June 17, 2002

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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Attention: Common Carrier Bureau

The accompanying interstate access service tariff issued by East Ascension Telephone Company, Inc. and bearing Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 is sent to you for filing in compliance with the requirements of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

This access service tariff filing consists of revised interstate access service rates to become effective July 2, 2002, and filed pursuant to Part 69.3(f)(2) of the Commission's Rules and Commission Order released April 26, 2002, DA 02-970. In accordance with the Commission's Rules, Part 61.39(b), supporting information is not required with the filing of this Access Service Tariff.

This filing consists of tariff pages to become effective July 2, 2002, as indicted on the following Check Sheet:

Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 Fifth Revised Page 1

Pursuant to Section 61.14(b) of the Commission's Rules, the original of this transmittal letter (without attachments), Form 159, and a check for \$655.00 have been sent via overnight delivery to the Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh, PA, as of this date.

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Please address any correspondence regarding this transmittal to my attention at the following address and telephone number:

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Sincerely,

Liz Veasman Accounting Supervisor

Enclosures

cc: Rob Strait, Beacon Telecommunications Advisors, LLC